

## **MINUTES OF MEETING—April 3, 2010**

A meeting of the Dedham Finance Committee was called to order at 9:03 A.M. on Saturday April 3, 2010 in the Lower Conference Room, Town Hall 26 Bryant Street, Dedham, MA. Mr. David Martin, Chairman, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Martin, John Heffernan, Mark Driscoll, Kevin Young,  
Laura Timmins, and William McKinney, and Susan Carney  
MEMBERS ABSENT: William Podolski, and Derek Moulton

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. David Martin, Chairman of the Finance Committee opened the meeting article 43 and 44 and asked Mr. Lawlor to start.

Mr. Lawlor spoke on the property on Pottery Lane and the meeting with the property owner of Alimed Inc., negotiating on the property rights to gain approved access, this would allow bus and a pedestrian walkway to the new Avery School. He continued to speak on the parking lot that the Alimed employees use approximately 180 parking spaces that are in constant use by trucks making deliveries. The issue was to gain an 8 foot wide walkway on the east side of the parking lot, so that the students would be segregated from the vehicles and the trucks and as Mr. Lawlor said we had reached a tentative or conceptual deal that is not binding until it is in writing. But that deal had been dropped by the Alimed group, and now Mr. Lawlor said what we had agreed to exchange for a better student access to narrow our rights to Pottery Lane from 45 feet to 24 feet wide, which is needed for safe emergency access. In addition Mr. Lawlor said we had agreed to give the Alimed group a small strip of land of approximately 3 feet or a parking easement of 3 feet of land, this would make the Alimed parking lot of 113 strips of parking spaces, making them whole, now that situation has been declined. Mr. Lawlor spoke of a historical right of way enjoyed by the parking lot with access to the now defunct railroad, which is 35 foot by a 150 strip, now the Alimed group said that this piece of property means nothing, and they have agreed to waive their rights to it, it has been said orally, but there has been no signature on instruments of waiver yet. Mr. Lawlor said that with article 43 we are taking whatever rights Alimed has to this piece of land to access the railroad bed, we have talked to an appraiser who said the land is not worth five cents for these rights, but our town counsel has suggested we seek an appropriation of \$5,000 dollars to compensate whatever nominal rights Alimed has. Mr. Lawlor said this is a short handed way of saying to you with respect to the Committee we may be seeking an appropriation from zero dollars to \$10k to take whatever rights he retains in this piece of land. He continued to say with respect to article 44 we would give rights to Alimed if we thought we would be giving him a little parking easement there, this is no longer part of our deal and we would recommend indefinite postponement.

A discussion started with the Committee asking questions and Mr. Lawlor responding as to where crossing guards would be situated, and the site of the student's sidewalk or walkway. The Committee questioned the possibility that the Town would have to pay a sum for the small strip of land in question Mr. Lawlor said that if there is any payment to be made, he thinks it will be a small amount.

Mr. Martin asked to start with the article 1, Election of Town Officials no vote here.

Article 2, Personnel By-Law Changes there was no additional information and this article moves to April 13. He continued to say that all I/P articles will be handled on April 6.

Article 3, Town Operating Budget, questions on insurance for the School Dept employees was responded to by Mrs. Murphy. She said there are 851 employees covered the School is 434 or 51%. Questions as to what makes up the School Dept budget and the Workers Compensation

budget information was answered by Mrs. Murphy. The Committee questioned the Blue Hills School to Careers budget a total of \$134k, and Mr. Martin said he would have someone at the next meeting to discuss this item. This article is moved to April 13.

Article 4, Capital Improvements Budget, questions on the motions was discussed this information was from bond counsel.

Article 5 Salaries of Elected Officials, includes retroactive pay for the Town Clerk in 2010.

Article 6 appropriations for MWRA Sewer Assessment, is I/P.

Article 7 Transfers from Prior Years' Special Articles it was agreed to I/P.

Article 8 Appropriation for Prior Years' Bills is moved to April 6.

Article 9 Line Item Transfers for current fiscal year a new version was handed out and moved to Tuesday.

Article 10 Appropriation to Stabilization Fund, there is no action on this article, it moves to Tuesday.

Article 11 Special Purpose Stabilization Fund – Create, there is no action and it is I/P.

Article 12 Special Purpose Stabilization Fund – Deposit Funds, a listing of monies to be deposited as follows \$375k from New Bridge on the Charles, \$25k from Costco Wholesale to be deposited into the Mitigation Stabilization fund, and \$53,691.62 from local meals tax and \$26,672 from the additional 2% room tax and this will to the Major Capital Facilities Stabilization fund, is moved to April 13..

Article 13 Special Purpose Stabilization Fund – Appropriate, \$540,796 be appropriated from the Mitigation Stabilization Fund to finance items voted in Article 4.

Article 14 Lease/Purchase agreements, will be I/P.

Article 15 Reports to Town Committees, will be I/P.

Article 16 Appropriation for Sewer Mitigation Fund, will be I/P because it is article 20 now.

Article 17 Revolving Funds, Mrs. Murphy spoke on the revenue estimates in recreation and it is higher because of the growth in their programs and moves to April 6.

Article 18 Conservation Commission Filing Fees, Mrs. Murphy said we found something in the law that has been changed, and this article is no longer necessary, it is I/P.

Article 19 Certification of all Real and Personal Property, \$100k is coming from free cash.

Article 20 Appropriation for Sewer Enterprise Fund, and is moved to April 6.

Article 21 Appropriate Funds for OPEB Liability Trust Fund, is I/P.

Article 22, Article 23, and Article 24 will be heard on April 13.

Article 25 Amend Zoning By-Law – Flood Plain Overlay District is moved to April 6.

Article 26, Article 27, and Article 28 are all housekeeping articles and will be heard on April 6.

Article 29 and Article 30 are also housekeeping articles that are moved to April 6.

Article 31 Amend Revised By-Law – Sign Code, a definition, and moves to April 6.

Article 32 Amend Revised By-Law –Open Space Advisory Committee, allows selectmen to designate someone to be their member, is moved to April 6.

Article 33 Amend Revised By-Law – Chapter 27 Sign Code, is moved to April 13.

Article 34 Amend Chapter 13 of the Revised By-Laws-Retail sale of food –Exclusive of Alcoholic Beverages – Exempt from provision is moved to April 6.

Article 35 Amend Revised By-Laws Chapter 13–Regulating noise levels of Motorcycles, is I/P.

Article 36 Amend Revised By-Laws Chapter 13-Defacement of Property, is moved to April 6.

Article 37 Amend Revised By-Laws Chapter 27-Sign Code, a discussion started on the Town using signs to generate revenue, and the size of the sign and the way it looks to someone driving by. Also, should we have billboards in town at recreation fields, is moved to April 13 and is I/P.

Article 38 Amend Revised By-Laws Chapter 22-Council on Aging is I/P.

Article 39 Amend Revised By-Laws-New Chapter-Stretch Energy Code, this has been

Committee members discussed past years wetlands by-law changes where strict standards for recharging systems, a few years later the State came in and reviewed the wetlands by-law and said the Town had over and above the States requirements and it was strict, and this by-law is still in effect. Mr. Martin requested Ms. LeClair come back before the Committee on Tuesday April 6.

Article 40, Mrs. Baker said that this article will be heard on April 6 and is I/P.

Article 41, Accepting Chapter 43D designate a priority development, site it is moved to April 6 a map was requested.

Article 42, Vote to transfer a portion of Condon Park, is moved to April 13.

Article 43, was discussed earlier in the meeting with Mr. Lawler.

Article 44, Vote to allow BOS to convey interest in land abutting Pottery Lane should be I/P.

Article 45, Vote to allow BOS to lease land at Incinerator Rd, is moved to April 6.

Article 46, Vote to petition General Court for Special Legislation to grant an alcohol license is moved to April 6.

Article 47, Vote to accept provisions of the 2010 Municipal Relief Act, is I/P.

Mr. Martin adjourned the meeting at 10:25 A.M., and continued the meeting, to Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

William Marroncelli

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